

MINUTE ITEM

6. APPLICATION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITION TO EXISTING PIER, OIL AND GAS LEASE P.R.C. 427.1, GENERAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION, RINCON FIELD, VENTURA COUNTY - W.O. 3296.

After consideration of Calendar Item 13 attached, and upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS AUTHORIZED TO APPROVE THE CONSTRUCTION BY THE GENERAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION OF AN ADDITION TO THE EXISTING PIER ON OIL AND GAS LEASE P.R.C. 427.1 AT THE LOCATION SPECIFIED, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS SUBMITTED.

Attachment

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CALENDAR ITEM

13.

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Oil and Gas Lease No. 48, Rincon Field, Ventura County, was issued pursuant to Chapter 303, Statutes of 1921, to the General Petroleum Corporation on May 19, 1930, for a period of twenty years. On May 19, 1950, pursuant to Division 6 of the Public Resources Code, and the provisions of Chapter 303, Statutes of 1921, the lease was extended and renewed for a period of ten years as P.R.C. 427.1, and provided such term may be thereafter extended for such periods of time as and if the Legislature provides. On May 13, 1958, the Commission authorized the issuance of a new lease to the General Petroleum Corporation in exchange for Oil and Gas Lease Extension and Renewal P.R.C. 427.1, in accordance with the provisions of Section 6827 of the Public Resources Code, as requested by the General Petroleum Corporation.

The new lease provides for a term of five years and for so long thereafter as oil or gas is produced in paying quantities, or lessee shall be conducting producing, drilling, deepening, repairing, redrilling, or other necessary lease or well maintenance operations on the leased land, all other terms and conditions of the existing Lease P.R.C. 427.1 to remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

On November 4, 1957, the Commission, at the request of the operator, authorized the modification of the terms of Lease P.R.C. 427.1 by the substitution of the terms of Section 6873 of the Public Resources Code, in order for the lessee to take advantage of the more favorable operating and development conditions specified.

Thirty-two wells have been drilled into the leased area. Currently 31 wells are active. One well has been abandoned. Because of the limited onshore space available for surface locations, these wells have been drilled from a pier constructed on the lease. In order to provide locations for the drilling of six more wells required under the lease development program, additional surface locations are required. The General Petroleum Corporation has submitted an application to construct a timber addition approximately 64 feet by 119 feet to the existing pier on the lease, in accordance with the plans and specifications submitted. The project proposal submitted has been reviewed and approved by the staff. The Corps of Engineers has issued a permit, covering the construction of the pier addition at the location indicated.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO APPROVE THE CONSTRUCTION BY THE GENERAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION OF AN ADDITION TO THE EXISTING PIER ON OIL AND GAS LEASE P.R.C. 427.1 AT THE LOCATION SPECIFIED, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS SUBMITTED.